

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A terminal and a counterpart terminal to be electrically connected with ~~a counterpart terminal at each other~~ at contact portion-~~portions~~ thereof by engaging ~~the counterpart terminal, each other, each of~~ the terminal and the counterpart terminal, comprising:

a conductive portion of electrically conductive material; and

a final contact portion which is in contact with the counterpart terminal or the terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last contact portion is made of an arc suppressive material, most of its content being titanium in terms of mass percent.

2. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the titanium content of the arc suppressive material is 95 mass percent or higher.

3. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A pair of terminals including a male terminal and a female terminal which engage each other to establish an electrical connection, each of the terminals, comprising:

a conductive portion of electrically conductive material to be in contact with the counterpart terminal while the terminals are engaged each other; and

a final contact portion which is in contact with the counterpart terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last

contact portion is made of an arc suppressive material, most of its content in terms of mass percent being titanium.

6. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the titanium content of the arc suppressive material is 95 mass percent or higher.

7. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the conductive portion of each terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A connector for use in an automotive vehicle and including a terminal and a counterpart terminal to be electrically connected with ~~a counterpart terminal~~each other at ~~a contact portion~~contact portions thereof by engaging ~~the counterpart terminal~~each other, each of the terminal and the counterpart terminal, comprising:

a conductive portion of electrically conductive material; and

a final contact portion which is in contact with the counterpart terminal or the terminal at a final stage while the terminal is being disengaged from the counterpart terminal, the last contact portion is made of an arc suppressive material, most of its content being titanium in terms of mass percent.

10. (Previously Presented) A connector according to claim 9, wherein the titanium content of the arc resistant suppressive material is 95 mass percent or higher.

11. (Previously Presented) A connector according to claim 9, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of copper, a copper alloy, aluminum or an aluminum alloy.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 1, wherein the titanium content of the arc suppressive material is 99 mass percent or higher.

14. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 3, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of Cu-Mg-P alloy, a Cu-Fe-P alloy, a Cu-Sn alloy, Cu-Sn-Fe-P alloy and Cu-Zn alloy.

15. (Previously Presented) A terminal according to claim 3, wherein the conductive portion of the terminal is made of any one of Al-Cu alloy, Al-Si alloy, and Al-Cu-Si alloy.

16. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein each terminal is formed by a stripe clad material including a layer of arc suppressive material which is integral with conductive material, the stripe clad material being bent into a suitable shape.

17. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the female terminal includes a leading end portion defining an opening through which the male terminal is coupled to the female terminal, and an arc suppressive layer is formed on an inner wall of the leading end portion.

18. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 5, wherein the male terminal includes a tab portion and an arc suppressive portion which is integrally attached to the tab portion to cover a lead portion of the tab portion.

19. (Previously Presented) A pair of terminals according to claim 18, wherein the tab portion and the arc suppressive portion are tapered to be thinner toward their end such that the arc suppressive portion covers the end portion of the tab portion.